

## WEEKENDWEATHER

### FRIDAY


HI 45  
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### SATURDAY


HI 49  
LO 32

### SUNDAY


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LO 32

## HALO 2 LAN PARTY

PERTs are offering a free Halo 2 LAN party from 7 to 11 p.m. today in the Station. The event will feature 12 X-boxes on 12 projection screens and various local businesses are contributing prizes for winners.

## LIKE TO WRITE?

Scribblers meets every Tuesday at the Station at 8 p.m. Creative writing, poetry and fiction are all shared and created during this time.

## TODAY

"Godspell" 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Thursdays at the Union, 10 p.m.

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Middle Eastern Student Association Dinner, 6 p.m., Union.

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## WEDNESDAY

Fourth installment due.

Intramural Battle of the Beef entries close, noon.

Study Abroad Fair, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Union.

## HEARTLAND VIEW

The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at [Heartlandview.com](http://Heartlandview.com)

## KNWT CHANNEL 8

### PROGRAMMING

### SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday

7 p.m. Etc.

7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest

8 p.m. Bearcat Update

8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

[nwmissourianews.com](http://nwmissourianews.com)

Visit the web for:

Multimedia Midterm election 2006 coverage including audio from candidates.

# POLLING POWER



Republican Mike Thomson (center) looks on with Jonathan Lowrey as Monica Patton adds voting results Tuesday at the Republican headquarters in Maryville. Thomson beat opponent Richard Oswald for the district representative position.

## Republicans dominate Missouri Midterm Congressional race

Tara Adkins, Lindsay Jacobs  
Features Editor, Chief Reporter

Citizens huddled and cramped around the announcer in an open courthouse, awaiting results for Midterm elections.

As ballots were cast, Republicans took majority of Missouri state offices beating their challengers three to one. The only Democratic winner, Susan Montee, will take position of state auditor.

"We've had a good campaign and I look forward to working for taxpayers who need an independent voice for the people," Montee said.

Montee ran against Republican Sandra Thomas, Libertarian Charles Baum and Progressive candidate Terry Bunker. Republican and incumbent Sam Graves will continue to work as U.S. representative in Congress for the sixth district. Graves hopes to represent his agricultural interest district and focus on the importance of small businesses.

"I'm very excited. It absolutely tickles me to death with two more years of representing this district," Graves said.

Graves challengers included Democratic Sara Jo Shettles, Libertarian Erik Buck and Progressive candidate Shirley Yurkonis.

Republican and incumbent Brad Lager defeated his Democrat challenger, James Neely, for position of state senator for the 12th district.

Lager feels northwest Missouri fundamentally needs a better, not bigger, government as he plans

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## —MHS REPORT

# High hopes, high scores

Maryville schools rank above average in student testing

Brent Burklund  
Contributing Reporter

Even with a decline in student enrollment due to an aging population, Maryville R-II School District still ranks above the national average in student test scores.

According to the Missouri Assessment Program, Maryville R-II School District ranked "high to average" on the assessment point scale, meeting all governmental standards.

Taken once a year by students, the Missouri Assessment Program looks

at specific subject areas a student will take, and analyze their performance in each area. According to Maryville High School principal Ron Landherr, the high school submitted scores in math, communication arts and science, and voluntarily submitted scores in social studies.

"Our social studies scores were lower than we wanted, but our department is analyzing the data and making changes to the curriculum," Landherr said.

Additions in the English department, such as a higher-level English class, have been made to help improve student achievement, according to Landherr. He said all tests were based on a point-scale system.

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## —30TH DISTRICT RESULT

# Brown returns to Iraq a winner

Evan Young  
University Editor

Rep. Jason Brown has a nickname for his wife, Rachelle—one that sums up what she has done for him and his family during his yearlong tour of duty in Iraq.

"Mrs. Everything."

In addition to running the family's two construction businesses, fulfilling her duties as a member of Northwest's Board of Regents and raising daughter Alayna, 8, and son Caleb, 5, Rachelle has been a key player in running her husband's reelection campaign as an incumbent in Missouri's 30th District.

"I'm not going to lie, it's difficult. I have a new appreciation for single moms because I have been left to handle everything," Rachelle said.

In the end, her efforts paid off.

Jason will keep his congressional seat, defeating Democratic opponent Jared Welch, a Platte City, Mo., lawyer, on Tuesday with 8,945 votes to 6,902.

The Northwest alumnus was still scheduled to be overseas on Election Day, but a sniper's bullet brought him back to Platte City last month.

A veteran staff sergeant in the U.S. Army reserves, Jason headed to Iraq in March as a civil affairs specialist with the 414th Civil Affairs Battalion of Utica, N.Y., helping to build schools, hospitals, roads and bridges, throughout war-torn Baghdad.

He was checking on a power grid Oct. 5, east of the Tigris River, when his unit came under fire. Operating a gun turret, Jason was hit under the arm. The bullet broke one of his ribs and pierced his left lung.

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## —HEALTH CHALLENGE

# 'Smokeout' to help students kick the habit

Andrea James  
Missourian Reporter

Two Northwest organizations will sponsor an event that could potentially save lives and money.

The University Health Center and Peer Education combine forces with the American Cancer Society on Thursday, Nov. 16, to present the "Great American Smokeout."

Forty percent of Northwest students claim they have smoked at one point and 23.5 percent of students report current usage, according to Virginia Murr, director of wellness and assistant director of the health center.

The Smokeout challenges smokers to be nicotine-free for 24 hours, according to project assistant Vince Shisler.

"We will try to help them consider a change," Shisler said.

Northwest is using the Smokeout to introduce new programs to help students quit smoking. The University Health Center, HPERD department, University Relations and Peer Education received a \$5,000 Heartland Foundation grant last spring. The grant helps Northwest provide resources, education and support programs to students who want to quit smoking, Murr said.

"The program tries to get people to quit or cut back on smoking through a supportive network. People who have support are more likely to quit," Shisler said.

The programs will operate through online resources and face-to-face activities. It also offers money to those who can't afford nicotine replacement treatments.

"Hopefully we can get a few people to change their behavior," Shisler said.

The American Cancer Society reports people who quit smoking will decrease their risk of cancer, heart problems, lung disease and stroke. They also suggest using money as an incentive to quit.

The Smokeout stemmed from Minnesota's "Don't Smoke Day" in 1974, according to Cancer.org. The American Cancer Society held the first Smokeout in 1976 in California. They adopted the concept in 1977 and convinced millions of Americans to stop smoking for a day. It is scheduled on the third Thursday of every November. Volunteers will hand out brochures and "quit-kits" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the J. W. Jones Student Union Information Center. For more information on smoking and its effects, go to Cancer.org.



## SCARE OUT THE VOTE

Client Computing-Information Systems employees participated in a costume contest. Allen Long won scariest costume; Joe Lohman won funniest; and Cory Collins, Michael Mandrick and Angela Escher tied for most original.

photo submitted by Kim Todd / Northwest CCIS employee

## PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Do you have any fun holiday or winter photos you'd like everyone to see?

Send your photos to [northwestmissourian@hotmail.com](mailto:northwestmissourian@hotmail.com) for a chance to be published in an upcoming issue of the Northwest Missourian.

## FAIL BLOWOUT

Defensive tackle Terry Bilbro celebrates Northwest's 41-14 victory against Pittsburg State Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

photo by katie white / photography editor









## -OUR VIEW

# Changes needed despite control

It's often hard to admit defeat. But it should be easier when it not only rears its ugly head, but also slaps you along side it.

Democrats seized control of the House of Representatives Tuesday and the Senate is still up for grabs. Regardless of who takes the Senate we hope they come to the realization that two major mistakes have been made during President Bush's time in office and they take the necessary steps towards fixing them.

First of all, the war in Iraq was a mistake, is a mistake and Congress needs to do something about it.

In the beginning, some of us realized that President Bush capitalizing on the hype surrounding Saddam Hussein possessing weapons of mass destruction was exactly that—just hype. The weapons weren't found and still we remained in trying to provide democracy to a country that we naively and conceitedly believed wanted it. Democracy is right for the United States so shouldn't it be right for all? Hardly.

But after constant bombings and American casualties, Iraqis sent a clear message that they didn't want our help anymore. Finally, a CNN poll revealed 59 percent of Americans agree that the war in Iraq is a bad idea and maybe we should start pulling out troops.

As of Nov. 3, CNN.com reports 3,072 coalition deaths. How many more is it going to take before we realize it's time to pull our troops and chalk the war up to the biggest mistake of the Bush Administration?

Furthermore, we hope that whoever takes full control of Congress takes the necessary action to repeal the "No Child Left Behind Act," which holds teachers and schools accountable for student achievement on standardized tests, by requiring "Adequate Yearly Progress" by all school districts.

While Maryville R-II School District believes they have no problem with the act because of consistently scoring well on standardized tests, special education programs and minority children living within the county, and country for that matter, struggle to reach the same requirements as other children.

The act also threatens to cut off money if even one child—regardless of race or intellectual capability—fails to exceed the 40th percentile on standardized tests. Instead of giving the school more money to provide greater resources so they can succeed, Bush cuts funding from the schools until they meet proficiency standards. Seems a little backwards doesn't it? It seems like he is just setting our schools up to fail.

It's not about party lines when it comes to these two issues. It's about taking corrective action and pulling our troops out of Iraq and repealing a devastating and counter-intuitive act.

## -LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

## McCaskill accepts Missouri Senate seat

Yesterday, we heard the voices of Missourians, and they have said, we want change.

They have said, we want accountability.

We want an independent voice willing to stand up to anyone to fight for Missouri's families.

We want to restore the American dream for everyone.

Missourians have rejected the politics of personal character attacks, and they have embraced the power of hope.

Missouri Democrats have something special to celebrate, once again we have claimed Harry Truman's Senate seat for the working people of Missouri.

I think he would be very proud of the way we did it.



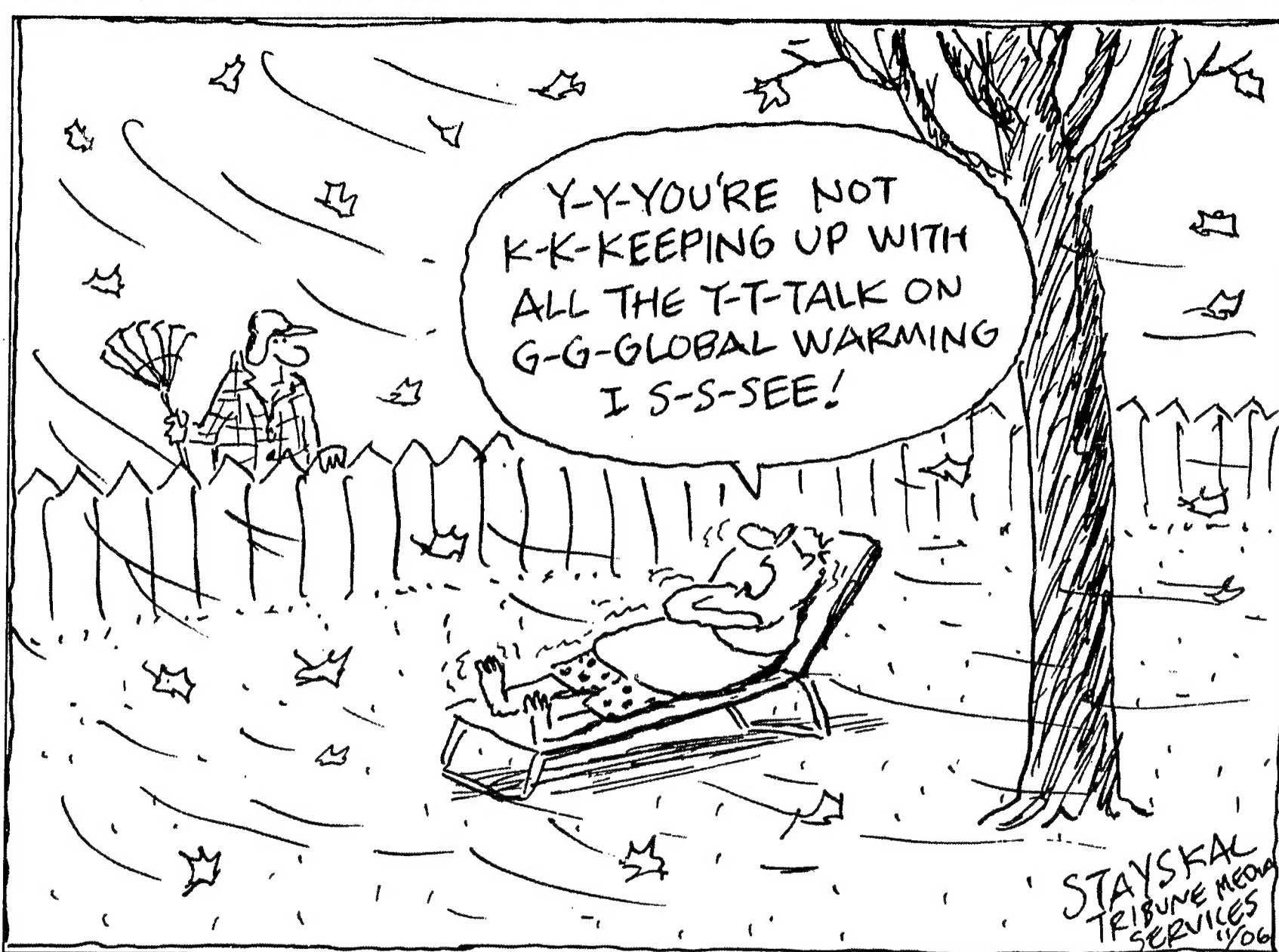
Claire McCaskill  
U.S. Senator

This election was not about me. This election was about you. It was about changing our country's direction and restoring a sense of accountability and integrity to Washington, D.C.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped my campaign and the thousands of those who invested their financial support in our effort. You believed that I could make a difference, and you did.

I understand that I have a responsibility to represent all Missourians, and I will take that responsibility very seriously.

I look forward to working with all the members of Missouri's congressional delegation to find common middle ground to improve the lives of Missouri's families.



## -COLUMN

## Stem cell research provides benefits

I saw an elderly lady in a big white Buick one day driving down Main Street and on her bumper she had a sticker that said "Stem Cell research is murder." The only thing I could think of at that time was to rear end her and maybe get it through her head that stem cell research is not murder at all.

Prior to this summer, I knew little about stem cell research. In fact, I was a part of the majority of the population that thought stem cell research had something to do with abortion. After doing some



Brent Burkland  
Contributing Reporter

research on the issue, that was pretty far from the truth. According to the Stem Cell Research Foundation (www.stemcellresearchfoundation.org), forms of stem cell research have gone on for years with medical procedures like skin grafting and bone marrow transplants. Stem cell research actually involves no physical harm to people.

After hearing about all the benefits of stem cell research, I was shocked to see how ignorant many people are to the issue. Many people that I asked said they thought stem cell research had to do with abortion or some form of

termination unborn fetuses.

Now I do see some side to the opposing argument; stem cell research does involve the termination of an unfertilized egg. But these eggs are not destroyed unless the female donor consents to it. I understand that some people are completely against this because it destroys the potential of a life and I respect that argument.

I know that not everyone will be for an issue, but I think once people understand what diseases stem cell research can cure, such as Parkinson's and spinal cord injuries, more people will shift their viewpoint.

A lot of people also have the misconception that stem cell research is cloning. What stem cell research is in a nutshell is taking

a fertilized egg and removing the stem cells when it is only about 10 days old, and then the egg dies. There is no cloning of cells at all here.

Now with the probable passage of Amendment 2, I'm happy that the majority of people in Missouri can see how the advantages of stem cell research outweigh the disadvantages.

If there's one thing I would like to tell that lady driving the white Buick, it would be to get yourself educated on the current issues before you start making harsh statements about things that could possibly save lives.

Maybe one day one your loved ones will be diagnosed with Parkinson's and you'll rethink your decision.

Daniel E. Smith  
Northwest assistant professor,  
political science

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Oct. 23**  
Larceny, lawn ornament, 1300 block Chick Ave.

Neat A. Uffers, 30, Elmo, Mo., DWI, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident, driving while revoked, failure to stop at a posted stop sign, excessive acceleration, resisting arrest, assault, 100 block E. First

Recovered property, NWSMU Lanyard with keys and auto door lock, 800 block S. Main

**Oct. 24**  
Lost/stolen property, cell phone, 1400 block E. Third

**Oct. 25**  
Lost/stolen property, license plate tab, 1200 block S. Main

**Oct. 27**  
Kendall D. Washington, 21, Maryville, Assault, resisting arrest, 300 block N. Market

**Oct. 29**  
Alexander A. King, 22, Gallatin, Mo., possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana; Magge L. Langer, 20, Maryville, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, 600 block N. Laura

Larceny, gas, 1600 block S. Main

Kristopher Smith, 21, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Vine

**Nov. 1**  
Aaron T. Stains, 21, St. Joseph, Mo., failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

Larceny, cell phone, 1500 block S. Munn

**Nov. 2**  
Burglary, blue purse and contents, 300 block E. Summit Drive

Trespassing, ongoing investigation, 300 block E. Summit Drive

**Nov. 3**  
Adrian N. Nolan, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., MIP; Coty R. O'Connell, 20, St. Joseph, Mo., MIP, zero tolerance; Desiree D. Hariston, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., MIP; Jeremy W. Reed, 20, St. Joseph, Mo., MIP, 100 block E. Fourth

Brandon L. Kroenke, 18, Maryville, possession of a noisemaker's identification, failure to stop at steady red light, 100 block S. Main

Lost/stolen property, back tri-fold wallet

Matthew L. Wilson, 20, Chillicothe, Mo., MIP, possession of an altered identification, 200 block W. Seventh

Bryan R. Pitts, 19, Maryville, disorderly conduct, Amanda A. Lowrance, 19, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 600 block E. First

**Nov. 4**  
Towed vehicle, black 1997 Accord, 600 W. Sixteenth

**Nov. 5**  
Addie M. Houston, 25, Maryville, DWI, illegal turn, 300 block E. Third

Larceny from a vehicle, dog food, 600 block E. Seventh

Larceny from a vehicle, CD player, radar detector, CD case, CDs, 600 block E. Seventh

Recovered property, diaper bag, 600 N. Laura

Property damage, vehicle damage, 600 block E. Seventh

Adam C. Bryant, 32, Maryville, possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, 100 block N. Davis

Jason L. Ware, 22, Maryville, property damage, supplying alcohol to a minor (2), 1600 block N. College Dr.

**Nov. 6**  
Rape, ongoing investigation, 300 block S. Mulberry

Larceny, toolbox and contents, 2000 block E. First

**Nov. 7**  
Property damage, vehicle damage, 300 block S. Main

Larceny, ongoing investigation, 2400 block Chame Dr.

**Nov. 3**  
Donald R. Clements, 36, Maryville, collided with Jennifer K. Nielson, 25, Burlington Junction, Mo., at South Avenue and Main. Clements was cited with failure to yield.

Patrick R. Vinzant, 17, Quitman, Mo., and Amber L. Pittman, 19, Maryville, collided at First and Main.

**Nov. 4**  
An unknown driver collided with Henry D. Denzil, 73, Barnard, Mo., at South Ave and Main.

## OBITUARIES

**Nov. 5**  
Brenna M. Welch, 16, Maryville, 1600 block S. Main.

**Hazel Marie (Fare) Messner**, 85, Parnell, Mo., died Nov. 6, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

The daughter of John Leslie and Hattie May (Verbeck) Fare, Hazel was born April 10, 1921 in St. Joseph, Mo. A 1940 graduate of Harmony High School, Hazel married Raymond Ellis Messner on July 13, 1940 in Maryville.

She was a homemaker and co-owner of Messner's DX Service Station. She was also a member of the Ravenwood Christian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, Ravenwood.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; a son, James Messner; granddaughter, Tasha Roberts; parents, sister, Elberta Cook and brother, Harold Fare.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Raylene and Gary Kerwin, Ravenwood; grandson and his wife, Trent and Linda Kerwin, Holt, Mo.; great-granddaughter, Nicole Kerwin, nieces and nephews.

Visitation is 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, at Price Funeral Home, Maryville. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ravenwood.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Association in Hazel's name.

**Katherine Lucille (Collins) Buiger**, 90, of Maryville, died Nov. 5, 2006 at Nodaway Nursing Home, Maryville.

The daughter of Francis Albert and Sarah (Grimes) Collins, Katherine was born August 19, 1916 in Maryville. She attended St. Patrick's High School and graduated from College High School, Maryville. Katherine married Wain Winger Dec. 30, 1939 in Maryville.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Gregory Barbagio Parish, the Legion of Mary and St. Gregory's Guild, Maryville.

Katherine was preceded in death by her husband, Wain; her parents and brothers, James, Edward and Ralph Collins.

Survivors include her daughters, Marilyn and her husband, Martin Schaefer, Barnard, Mo.; Ann Winger, Frederick, Maryland and Joan Winger, Kansas City, Kan.; grandchildren, David and Tim Schaefer and Katie Winger; a great-granddaughter; two step-great-grandsons; brother, Robert Collins, Maryville; nieces and nephews.

Legion of Mary Rosary was Wednesday at Price Funeral Home, Maryville with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Gregory Barbagio Catholic Church, with burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maryville.

Memorials may be made to SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri or St. Gregory's Building Fund in Katherine's name.

**Clarence John Myers**, 88, Maryville, died Nov. 7, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

The son of Edward and Anna Marie (Hengeler) Myers, Clarence was born April 16, 1918 in Maryville. He later married Lucille Dorothy Miller on Feb. 5, 1946 in Conception, Mo.

A farmer, he was a member of St. Gregory Barbagio Parish, Maryville.

He was preceded in death by daughters, Rose Mary, Phyllis and Sandra Myers; his parents; sisters, Mildred McCaul, Margaret O'Riley, Gertrude Ward and brothers, Francis, Henry, Paul and Raymond Myers.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille, and their children, Elizabeth

Kemp, Frank, John, Marvin, Bernice, Randy and Barb Russell, all of Maryville; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Melania Myers, St. Louis, and Catherine Dugan, Carmichael, Calif.; many nieces and nephews.

The Family Rosary is 7 p.m. Thursday, at Price Funeral Home, Maryville. Legion of Mary Rosary is 4 p.m. Friday, at Price Funeral Home. Visitation is 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at St. Gregory's Parish Center, Maryville, with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Gregory Barbagio Parish Center, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Maryville.

Memorials may be made to SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri or St. Gregory's building fund in Clarence's name.

**Susie (McGraw) White**, 85, Maryville, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Sue was born Dec. 27, 1920 in Prairie Home, Mo., the daughter of William B. and Gertrude Lee (Thomas) McGraw. She graduated from Northeast High School, Kansas City, and Northwest Missouri State Teacher's College, Maryville, Mo. On May 24, 1942 she married J. David White in Kansas City.

A mother and homemaker, Sue was a member of the First Baptist Church, Maryville, where she was very active as choir director and member, Sunday school teacher, vacation bible school teacher and serving on various committees; a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, and Alpha Sigma Alpha alumna.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David; parents, a brother, Clay McGraw and sisters, Frances Wilson and Bernice Williams.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Mike Sperry, Shawnee, Okla.; Bonnie and Steve Sutton and Polly and Bruce Twaddle, Maryville; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Visitation is from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at First Baptist Church, Maryville. Funeral Services will be 10 a.m., Friday, at First Baptist Church with burial in Nodaway Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Maryville.

Memorials may be made in Sue's name to First Baptist Church.

**Cecelia Frances (Monnett) Barry**, 75, Conception Junction, Mo., died Oct. 30, 2006 at Parkdale Manor, Maryville.

The daughter of Wilbur and Fredricka (Boedeker) Monnett, Cecelia was born Jan. 20, 1931 in Ravenwood, Mo. A graduate of Ravenwood High School, she married Edward Patrick Barry Oct. 10, 1950 in Clyde, Mo.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Columba Parish, Conception Junction.

Cecelia was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Charlotte Gray.

Survivors include her husband, Ed, of their home; seven sons, James and Denise Barry, Virginia Beach, Va.; Vincent and Pam Barry, Virginia Beach; Stephen Barry, Savannah, Mo.; Gerald Barry St. Joseph, Mo.; Raymond and Mary Barry, Bolckow, Mo.; Daniel Barry, Stanberry, Mo.; and Dennis Barry, Ridgeway, Mo.; two daughters, Elaine and Ron Wilson, Maryville; Alicia and Dennis DiPietro, Appleton, Wis.; two brothers: Wilbur Monnett, Round Rock, Texas and Herbert Monnett, Ravenwood; two sisters, Freda Durbin and Bernice Meyer, both of Imogene, Iowa; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation was November 2, 2006 at St. Columba Catholic Church, Conception Junction with a Prayer Service.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Nov. 3, 2006 at St. Columba Catholic

Church, Conception Junction with burial in St. Columba Cemetery, Conception.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association in Cecelia's name.

**Paula L. McSweeney**, 52, of Picking, Mo., died on Monday, Oct. 30, 2006 at the St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Born on March 9, 1954 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, she was the daughter of the late Paul Hixson and Mary Lou (Kanne) Hixson, Mt. Airy, Iowa. She attended Iowa State University and Northwest Missouri State University. She was a longtime member of the Tobin Benefit Golf Classic Committee. She was employed at the St. Francis Hospital for 27 years. She married Thomas D. McSweeney on June 27, 1976 in Tingley, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her father.

In addition to her mother she is survived by her husband, Thomas; daughter, Brenna, of the home; a brother, Curtis J. Hixon, Omaha, Neb.

A Celebration of Her Life was held Nov. 2 at the Danfelt Funeral Home, Maryville, with the Rev. Paul McKim, officiating. McSweeney was cremated under the trustees care of the Danfelt Funeral Home.

Final Resting Place and interment will follow at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Maryville. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Online condolences and tributes may be left by visiting DanfeltFuneralHome.com

## BIRTHS

**McKenzie Ann Deardorff**

Tom and Stormy Deardorff of Parnell, Mo., are the parents of McKenzie Ann Deardorff, born Oct. 31, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. She joins one sibling, Austin Jay Deardorff.

Grandparents are Julie Straight, Guilford, Mo., Sammy Schneider, Guilford, Mo., and Mike Straight, Clarinda, Iowa, and Phillip and Kay Deardorff, Parnell, Mo.

Great-grandparents are Willard Straight, Albany Mo., Bonnie Picking, Iowa, and Verda Day, Alamo, Texas.

**Tamara Kristine Middleton**

Tony Middleton and Heather Gwinn of Grant City, Mo., are the par-

ents of Tamara Kristine Middleton born Oct. 22, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and joins one sibling, Arianna Middleton.

Grandparents are Dave and Lisa Kettman, Sheridan, Wyo., and Boyd and Charleta Picking, Grant City, Mo.

Eric and Leigh Beth Courts of Maryville, are the parents of Christopher Courts born Oct. 24, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital.

Dawson weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins two siblings, Jessi Renee and Matthew Damon.

Grandparents are Richard and Mary Beth Alsop, Maryville, and Rod and Carole Courts, Maryville.

Great-grandparents are Claire Jones, Tarkio, Mo., and Bill and Joyce Martin, Maryville.

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**CAMPUSTALK**

Who's your ideal presidential candidate?

"Hillary Clinton because we need a woman president and she's a very capable, intelligent woman,"  
Sarah Martinek  
Bismarck/Bismarck Tribune

"Christopher Walken because America needs more cowbell,"  
Ryan Sweeton  
Philosophy/English

"Kelly Rowland because she's smart and likable,"  
Janice Harvey  
Business Management

"Captain Planet because he's got all the answers,"  
Joe Quigley  
Management Information Systems

"Michael J. Fox because he was so passionate in that one commercial I wonder what he'd think on other issues,"  
Stephanie Robbins  
Marketing Management



## SCORES: District exceeds testing requirements

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The Maryville R-II School District scored a 44.2 percent on either proficient or advance, where the statewide average was 42 percent.

"I'm pleased that we could meet all standards. It's hard to maintain that level," Maryville R-II School District Superintendent Vickie Miller said. "There's always room to do better, but we do very well compared to other schools across the state."

Miller said the high scores will further eliminate worries that the "No Child Left Behind Act" will have a negative impact on the school district. Started up in 2001 by President Bush, the "No Child Left Behind Act" states that all school districts must be proficient on all test scores. If the school district fails to meet these qualifications, the district will become a charter school, meaning the federal government takes over in all funding and will change

the curriculum in an effort to bolster student performance.

After viewing the results, Miller said some minor adjustments may be made.

"We're working together more to be a learning community and to combine our strengths to solve problems," Miller said.

One of the things Miller said she would like to see is to more enrollment in advanced level classes in the high school. She said the "No Child Left Behind Act" has prompted the school district to look at each way they are handling each student.

"It's caused all school districts to focus on student performance," Miller said. "The accountability had put a new effort on the performance. We think the overall child is important and not only the test scores."

According to Maryville Middle School principal Kevin Pitts, teachers motivated students to do their best on all tests. He said his staff is analyzing to the data and making

some changes. Also, Pitts said it's important to not overwhelm the students with testing and to encourage all students to do their best.

"We stress for students to do their best," Pitts said. "It's very important to get an accurate picture on where we need to improve as a school."

Pitts said to help create a bit of friendly competition with a few other school districts, a traveling trophy was given to each school who held the highest scores in a specific department.

Maryville Middle School currently holds the math trophy, but Pitts said the school came very close last year to holding the science trophy.

Meeting every day, all teachers in each grade collaborate and problem-solve on ways they can handle specific issues. He said this level of dedication from his teaching staff can be directly attributed to the high test scores.

## MISSOURI: GOP takes race

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to bridge the gap of politics with issues people care about.

"We were optimistic early on and I traveled all throughout the district and have seen overwhelming support," Lager said.

Republican Mike Thomson will take the position of state representative for fourth district, beating Democrat challenger, Richard Oswald.

Thomson's No. 1 concern is to learn what needs to be done before jumping into changes.

However, he feels education and safety are important for everyone and he eventually hopes to make positive changes. "It's not winning or losing but an experience and it was not only what I put in, but what my family and friends did that made this awesome," Thomson said.

## BROWN: Regent's husband returns to Iraq after election victory

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Another soldier was shot in the shoulder.

Though he was wearing a flak jacket at the time, Jason said soldiers can never be totally protected from enemy fire.

"You can have only so much body armor on before it becomes a hindrance to your job," he said during an Oct. 20 visit to Northwest with Rachelle. "We had all the armor on we could handle. You can't cover yourself 100 percent. The bullet found that space."

Jason's unit rushed the soldiers to the nearest trauma center, where he quickly decided how he would tell his family—especially his wife.

"Even though Jason was shot, and...was in the hospital, he decided it was best to call my parents first and explain to them the situation because he didn't want me to be alone in the house with the kids and have that information. He just had that foresight," Rachelle said.

After initial stabilization, doctors moved Jason to a Baghdad hospital, where they said his injured lung would probably collapse.

However, after four days of observation, it miraculously remained intact, and the military placed Jason a 30-day convalescent leave.

He arrived at Kansas City International Airport Oct. 10, his family, friends and supporters eagerly waiting at the gate.

Of his injury, Jason said had the bullet lodged any deeper, his story would have ended very differently.

"You could say that I'm the luckiest unlucky person in the world. It could've been a lot worse," he said.

The other injured soldier is successfully undergoing rehabilitation, Jason said.

Insofar as the overall state of the Iraq War, Jason said troops are making slow, but steady, progress, despite frequent insurgent attacks.

"The morale of the troops is very high. There are hard days and then there are days that aren't so hard. It's a very fluid environment."

"Good things happen and immediately the insurgents want to do something bad to make the headlines, so it takes away from what we've accomplished," he said.

"It's a different culture, so there's a lot of challenges in that regard that everyone has to face there in the work they do. You don't overcome cultural differences quickly. It takes a lot of time and a lot of work."

Jason could not do any last minute campaigning during his leave, as ordered by the Pentagon.

He is one of 30 state legislators deployed while in office, according to Kansas City's *Inf-Zine* News.

In all, there are 57 legislators serving in either reserve or National Guard units.

Welch, a Missouri Air National Guard member, criticized Jason for leaving Platte County without representation while serving overseas.

However, Jason said he declared his intention to seek a third term before he knew of his deployment and stressed his military experience complements his political duties.

"It's a citizen army and it's a citizen legislature. I think those are important perspectives to have. I'm very proud and honored to serve our country and I'm very proud and honored to serve the constituents of the 30th District," Jason said. "I've done both for a number of years and I plan to continue to do both. It gives me a unique perspective. I can see many sides of different issues."

Jason returns to Iraq soon for "light duty." Anxious to resume and finish his tour of duty, Jason said he is just like any other soldier when it comes to his family.

"I miss them immensely," he said.

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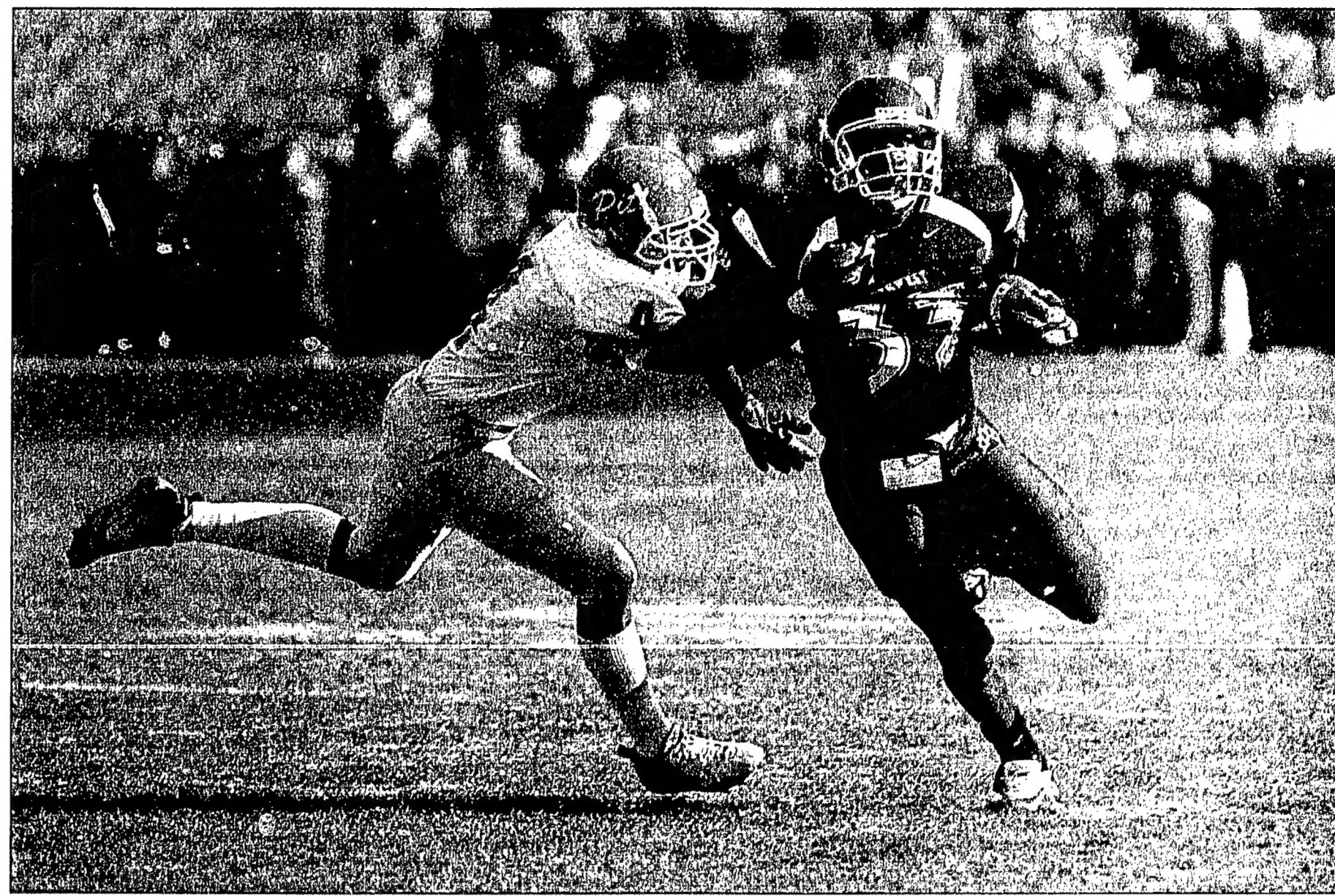


No. 2 NORTHWEST VS SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Kickoff: 1:30 p.m., Saturday  
Where: Bolivar, Mo.

-NW FOOTBALL

# Wanted: Big win



Northwest running back Sheldon Cook tries to elude a Pittsburg State defender Saturday during Northwest's 41-14 victory in the Fall Classic V at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. Cook filled in for injured Xavier Omon and LaRon Council and rushed 13 times for 172 yards and scored his first two collegiate touchdowns in his hometown.

## Win assures team of MIAA title

Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

Northwest linebacker Ben Harness traveled to Emporia, Kan., four years ago.

He saw the Northwest football team finish 11-0 and win sole possession of the conference championship.

Just a freshman, Harness dove down with fellow teammate defensive end Ryan Waters and watched the 'Cats clinch the MIAA title with a 34-5 victory over the Emporia State Hornets.

Harness and Waters didn't suit up, they watched as fans and spent the 2002 season as redshirts.

But Harness can't say he's earned an outright conference championship as a player or an undefeated regular season—which both have eluded Northwest since the 2002 season.

"I definitely thought we'd be winning more outright conference championships than we ended up winning," Harness said. "We had some good teams. If you ask me, if (Josh Lamberson) never gets hurt, we get more than a conference championship that year (in 2004)."

However, all that could change with a win this weekend.

Northwest (10-0) will win the MIAA championship outright as long as they defeat Southwest Baptist University (1-9) Saturday in Bolivar, Mo.

"It does mean a lot to our kids," Northwest coach Mel Tjerdema said. "When we came home last year from Alabama, we sat down and had a meeting and that was one of the first things we said, 'We've got to get back and win the conference championship.'"

If they lose they are at least determined a share of the title. Missouri Western is right behind Northwest with a 9-1 record and if they win and Northwest loses, Northwest and Missouri Western would be co-conference champions.

"If we shared it with them, I probably wouldn't get it (a title ring), but if I did, I'd probably throw it in the Platte River," wide receiver Kendall Wright said.

Northwest comes off the heels of a 41-14 victory against Pittsburg State in which fourth-string running

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-NW BASKETBALL

## Squad can't 'Brave' storm

Jared Verner  
Missourian Reporter

PEORIA, Ill. — At the beginning of a six-hour trip from Peoria's Carver Arena, a member of the Northwest men's basketball team put the movie "Miracle" on the DVD player.

Bradley dominated much of play last Saturday in the 87-59 victory. But the story about the 1980 U.S. hockey team and its defeat of the Soviets in the Olympics looked to establish a Bearcat equivalent on the basketball court in the early minutes of last Saturday's exhibition contest.

The Northwest men's team jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first four minutes over Division I Bradley. Junior Andy Peterson scored two treys and sophomore Hunter Henry dropped in four points to open scoring for the 'Cats.

The 'Cats increased the lead to 12 within eight minutes of play, but 14 turnovers after that mark allowed the Braves to take a 43-28 lead into halftime.

"It shouldn't evaporate that quick," men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "You get a pretty good pounding put on you there when you look at that. If we only had seven or eight turnovers we probably would have got the lead at halftime. Turnovers are more than you turn it over and they get a point—it's a momentum thing and it takes timing away from you offensively."

Bradley continued to roll out of the locker room, gaining a 21-point lead when junior Matt Withers recorded a lay-up for the first points from the field for the 'Cats in the second half.

The Braves used an 8-0 run to gain a

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-MHS FOOTBALL

## Coach wants improvement

Brett Barger  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Maryville Spoof-hound football team ended 2006 with three wins in the last four games.

That's not enough to satisfy head coach Chris Holt going into the off-season.

After starting out 1-5, the 'Hounds finished 4-6 and 2-5 in the Midland Empire Conference (MEC) and were a win shy of making the playoffs. With an offense that scored only 16.4 points per game, running back Adam Mattson led the team in rushing with 898 yards—good for second in the conference.

Holt said the rushing offense was consistent, going for over 200 yards



Adam Mattson rushes around Bishop LeBlond defenders Thursday night during Maryville's season.

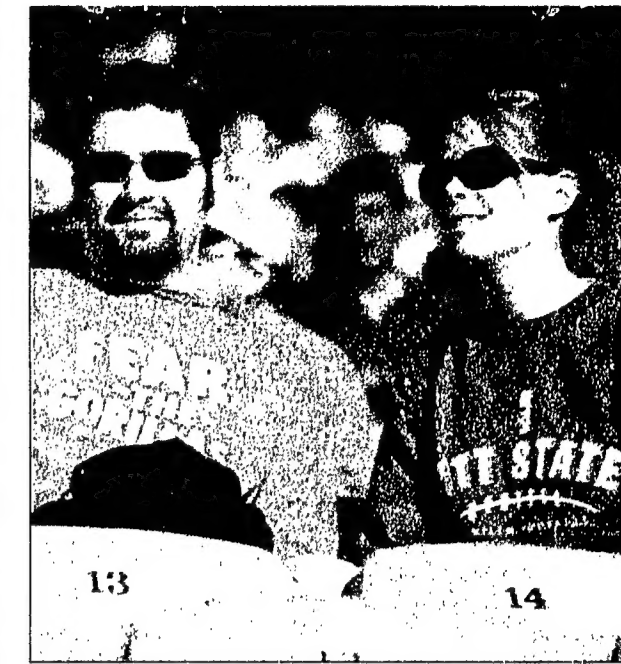
a game. However, the offensive line needs work.

"We just got to get bigger up front," Holt said.

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-COMMENTARY

# Behind enemy lines



Staffer Cali Arnold and contributing writer Brent Burkund went incognito to the Fall Classic V at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

Cali Arnold and Brent Burkund  
Assistant Sports Editor, Contributing Writer

For the first time this season, we found ourselves fans of a losing team Saturday afternoon.

But only for one half of the game.

We could only sit and watch, along with our fellow Pittsburg State fans, as Northwest delivered punch after punch to the Gorillas, and even we began to wonder, "Are these guys ever going to score?" It turns out they couldn't, at least not as long as we were sitting over there pretending to be fans.

Our goal for the game was to hear what kind of trash-talk Pittsburg State fans would dish out to Northwest, and hoped maybe someone would come up to us in our red "Pitt State Gorilla Football" shirts and ask us how much we hated the Bearcats. Instead, we heard, well, basically nothing. While waiting for the curse words and taunting from the die-hard Gorilla fans, we were stuck hearing the raars from the Northwest crowd. We practically had to whisper to each other for fear of breaking the silence.

To be fair, they didn't have a lot to cheer about. Watching your star running back get stopped short on every drive and seeing your defense get broken through on every play puts a damper on your mood. We even found ourselves feeling a little sorry for the Gorilla fans who drove all the way to Kansas City to see the completely one-sided game.

Instead of hearing raars meant for the Northwest team, the only words coming out of the Pittsburg State seats were those mouthing off to their own team.

"Come on guys, get your heads in the game!" and "What are you thinking? The other guy was wide open!" were the most popular phrases overheard during the first half of the game. Even the guys in the "Northwest: loves unicorns" shirts were quiet. The most popular subject we overheard was the discussion on the Division I scores flashing across the big screen.

One comment we did hear about Bearcat fans came from a group of middle-aged men sitting a few rows back. They complained about Northwest people and how they act like they are better than everyone else.

We decided to ignore them.

The loudest the Gorilla crowd was during the entire first half was when Josh Matthews was sacked right in front of our seats. We were possibly in as much physical pain as he was when we had to applaud and yell "It's about time!" with our fellow Pittsburg State fans. We spent the rest of the first half gazing longingly at the bigger, louder and more enthusiastic Northwest crowd across the stadium.

The second half we were back in the normal realm, finally able to yell all we wanted for the 'Cats. What we found just as interesting as the game, however, was watching the Pittsburg State crowd. We were shocked to see how small it was compared to the Northwest crowd. True, they were much louder and energetic in the second half when they were finally able to score, but the numbers seemed nothing close to those sporting Bearcat green.

We can honestly say we were never more proud to be Bearcats than while we were sitting in Pittsburg State shirts in the middle of the Gorilla fans at Arrowhead Stadium Saturday. Being a member of a crowd who will cheer for a team, whether on offense or defense, during the game or during a timeout, is a great feeling.

As for those "Pitt State Gorilla Football" shirts we now own, they may have to go with the rest of the garbage.

And for the men in the stands who said Northwest people think they're better than everyone else—it's because we are.

Get over it.

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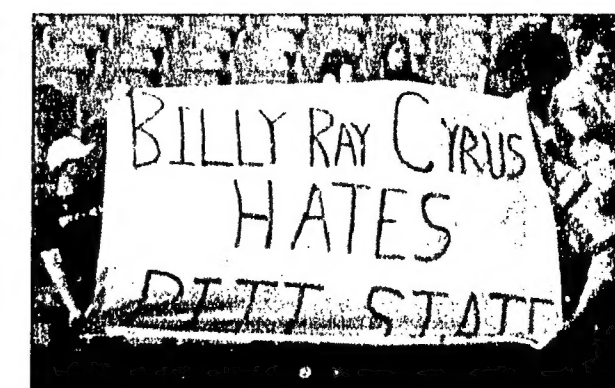
### PLAYOFF TICKETS TO GO ON SALE MONDAY

Regardless of what happens this weekend, playoff tickets will go on sale at 8 a.m. Monday. Northwest is 10-0 and if they win Saturday would most likely receive a first-round playoff bye. The Bearcats are No. 1 in the Southwest region and have all but clinched a playoff spot.

Northwest should expect at least one home game and if they win out, they could have homefield advantage throughout the playoffs. Fans are encouraged to check Northwestbearcats.com after 2 p.m. Sunday for more information.

Northwest fans at the Fall Classic V cheer on the Bearcats as they took on Pittsburg State Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

See B2 for more on Northwest football.  
photo by katie white photography editor



### ALL-CONFERENCE AND ALL-REGIONAL TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Four Northwest volleyball players received All-MIAA honors. Senior middle hitter MacKenzie Heston and senior setter Molly Hankins were All-MIAA second team selections, while senior outside hitter Sarah Trowbridge and freshman outside hitter Priscilla Bremer were placed on honorable mention.

Heston was also announced to the All-Region team. Northwest senior cross country runner Matt Pohren earned NCAA Division II All-Region honors at the NCAA South Central Regional meet at Warrensburg, Mo., Saturday. Pohren is the first Northwest runner to earn All-Region honors since senior Drew Wilson placed 13th in the regional meet in 2004.



## - COLUMN

# 'Cats, Cards uniquely connected

Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor



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Sports Editor

Even after two weeks, the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals continue to teach us valuable lessons.

1. You don't necessarily have to be the hottest team to win it all—that backfired on the red-hot Minnesota Twins (even with the Metrodome they got swept by the Oakland As).

2. Evidently, you don't have to be the best team to win it all. The New York Yankees folded, the New York Mets couldn't capitalize at home and the Detroit Tigers played like the Tigers of old when it counted the most.

3. Finally, and most importantly, it doesn't matter how you got there (the playoffs), but what you do when you get there (the playoffs).

So this brings me to a question I have wondered for some time: Is it better to enter the playoffs as underdog and as the underdog or with a target on your back and the top team?

Even if you're not a Cardinals fan, but a Bearcat fan, you should be wondering this as the No. 2 Northwest football team will soon begin their postseason run.

In 2004 and 2005, the St. Louis Cardinals had a combined 205 wins but they didn't falter in the playoffs. In 2000 and 2002, the Northwest football team entered the playoffs as a No. 1 or No. 2 seed.

In those three years, Northwest lost in either the first or second game they played in the playoffs. In 2000, they went undefeated in the regular season but bowed in their first game—a home game. In 2002, the again went undefeated in the regular season but fell in their second postseason game that year, also a home game.

However, this year, the Cardinals finished with 83 regular season wins—the lowest of any team in the playoffs but beat the odds and won it all. Last year, Northwest almost didn't even make it to the playoffs, but as the No. 6 seed in their region—the low-

est seed—they won every playoff game, all on the road—four to be exact, an NCAA record—before falling short in the title game.

So, does it really pay to be No. 1 heading into the playoffs?

Coach Mel Tjeerdsma said earlier in the season that his team in 2000 might have been the most prepared team he has

ever coached but when it came playoff time, they disappeared.

Sometimes, being a No. 1 team, you might lose your focus and maybe not know how to handle adversity when the time comes.

This year's team hasn't trailed yet in a game. However, a lot of the guys on this year's team were members of last year's squad, so they've experienced adversity.

Also, adversity can be defined in many different ways. Yes, the Bearcats haven't trailed yet, but they have had to fight a pretty powerful injury bug. At least seven different players had to miss at least one game or more because of injury.

It's something the Cardinals can relate to as they went through many different lineups during the summer months due to injuries to stars Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds, Scott Rolen and Chris Carpenter.

However, Northwest will have advantage to last year's team in that, if they win Saturday, they will have home field advantage throughout the playoffs until the national championship game, if they get that far.

It benefited St. Louis in the years past, but at the same time it doesn't always mean it will get you to the championship.

So, Bearcat fans be proud of your team and what they might accomplish—the first undefeated Northwest football team since 2002 and the first outright MIAA Championship—but remember being No. 1 heading into the playoffs doesn't always mean you'll be No. 1 when it's all said and done.

The Cardinals can vouch for that in more than one way.

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## - NW CROSS COUNTRY

## Senior's career ends at regionals

Nate Gonner  
Missourian Reporter

Four years come and go. Four years of wearing the green and white Northwest jersey come and go. Four years of being a Northwest student athlete come and go and before they know a student's athletic career is over.

On Saturday senior Matt Pohren came as a runner for the Northwest men's cross country team came to a close. As for senior Drew Wilson, his career ended two weeks ago due to a stress fracture he suffered before the conference championship.

Pohren and Wilson's team competed along side the Northwest

women's cross country team in the NCAA South Central Regionals at the Keth Memorial Golf Course in Warrensburg, Mo.

On the men's side the team finished seventh place out of 17 teams. Pohren finished first again for the Bearcats and 15th overall with a time of 32:46.10 in the 10K race. Junior Bichong Deng finished second for the Bearcats and 20th overall with a time of 33:04.20.

According to Pohren, he thought that his last race for the 'Cats was a good one.

"I think I ran pretty well," Pohren said. "I had the chance and the ambition to place for Nationals. I figured out later to achieve that goal I would have had to have run

the race of my life."

Four years have come and gone for Pohren and Wilson and coach Richard Alsop will miss both guys both for different reasons.

"I'll miss Matt (Pohren) for his leading by example, he is an extremely hard worker and I told that to his face and to his dad. He wasn't the most talented person we have ever had but he worked hard and it showed in the way he ran," Alsop said. "And Drew (Wilson) just has a great personality; he is fun to be around. He was a talented athlete and he will be missed."

As for the women's team their season also ended on Saturday, when they finished 10th out of 19 teams. In the 6K race junior Karah

Spader finished first for Northwest and finished in 35th place overall with a mark of 23:22.10. Sophomore Anna O'Brien finished second for Northwest and finished in 49th place with a mark of 23:44.6.

This is the first time in the last two seasons that O'Brien has not finished first for Northwest. However unlike the men, the women's team will bring their entire team back next year.

Coach Scott Lorek said his team did very well this season despite being very young.

"I think it was a very successful season for us," Lorek said. "We had so many new people and it was really good to get them broken into the college running situation."

## BIG WIN: Team can seal title Saturday

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back Sheldon Cook scored two touchdowns and rushed for 172 yards—the most all season for a Northwest running back.

"He's got a lot of ability to make people miss," Tjeerdsma said. "He's got a gift...The key is to get him beyond the line of scrimmage and that's where our offensive line does such a great job."

Cook replaced injured Xavier Omon and LaRon Council a week after they suffered injuries against the University of Central Missouri.

Council broke his leg and is out for the season while Omon injured a rib. Tjeerdsma said Tuesday Omon will not play against SBU, a change from last week when he debated all week whether to play Omon or not. If Northwest gets a playoff bye, Omon will have had three weeks of rest.

On the defensive side, free safety Brandon Pratt could be back this week, according to Tjeerdsma. Pratt, who is recovering from a hand injury he suffered a month ago, suited up against Pittsburg State but didn't play. Strong safety Chris Termini played last Saturday for the first time in a month, but cornerbacks Darrell Clark and Quinten Wornack are still questionable for Saturday.

Northwest could have a field day if any of the offense gets going because SBU ranks last in the conference in scoring defense, allowing 42.2 points per game.

However, SBU has the second-best pass offense in the conference as they are anchored by quarterback Robert Clardy. Clardy completes 65 percent of his passes and has thrown just five interceptions on the season.

With a playoff spot—and a possible first-round bye—all but assured, the purple Bearcats are all that stand in between the green Bearcats and the title.

So, Harness doesn't think there will be any signs of overlooking MIAA co-champion SBU.

"I definitely don't think there will be any sign of a let-up," Harness said. "Southwest Baptist has a dangerous offense. From a defensive perspective we've got a big job in front of us. We're going to be just as focused, we do not want to go into the playoffs stumbling—at all. We want to go in the playoffs rolling like we are right now."

## Running back honored

Staff reports

Sheldon Cook, a redshirt freshman from Gladstone, Mo., stepped in for injured starter Xavier Omon and rushed for 172 yards on 13 carries with two touchdowns as No. 2 Northwest defeated No. 8 Pittsburg State, 41-14, Saturday in Kansas City.

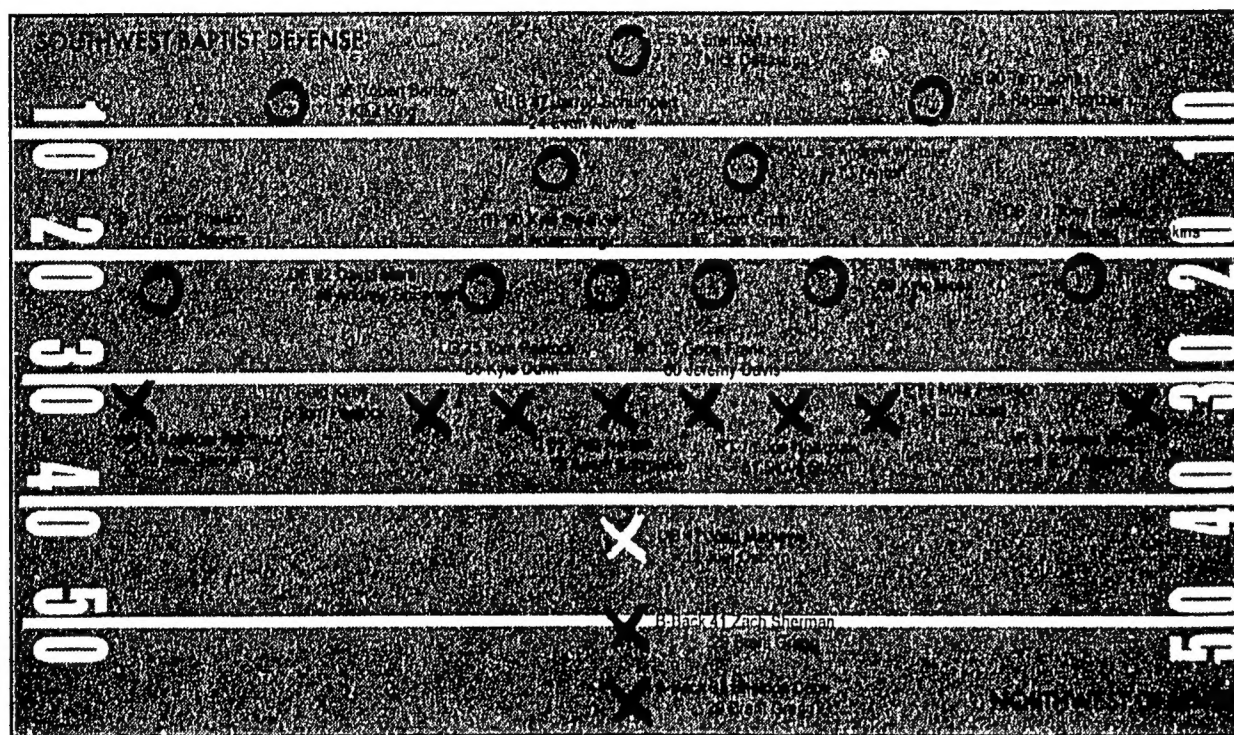
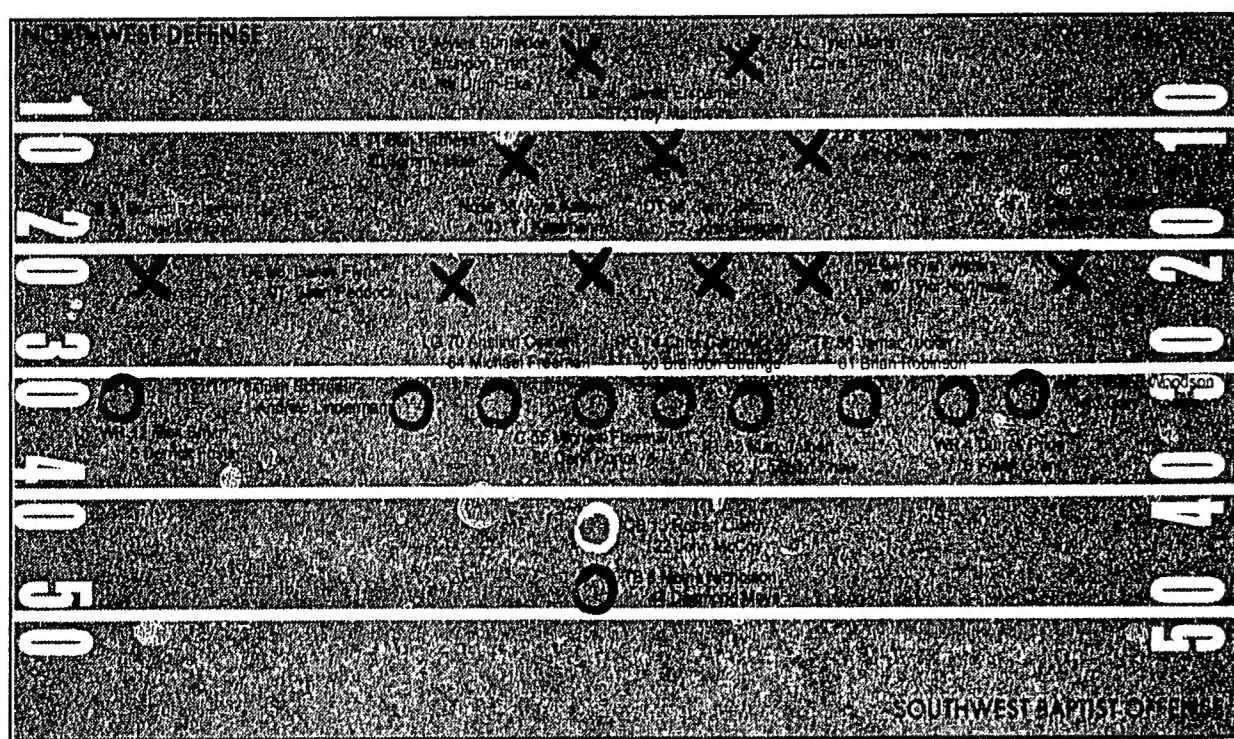
His 172 yards was a season-best for a Bearcat runner in 2006, surpassing the 166 posted the week before by Omon.



Sheldon Cook  
MIAA Player of the Week

Cook, a graduate of Park Hill South High School, will most likely start Saturday against Southwest Baptist.

## - TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHARTS



## - NORTHWEST-SOUTHWEST BAPTIST STATISTICS

**Scoring**  
Northwest 35.2  
Southwest Baptist 24.8

**Scoring Defense**  
Northwest 12.3  
Southwest Baptist 41.9

**Passing Yards Per Game**  
Northwest 240.3  
Southwest Baptist 246

**Pass Defense**  
Northwest 167  
Southwest Baptist 247.3

**Rushing Yards Per Game**  
Northwest 169.3  
Southwest Baptist 147.6

**Rushing Defense**  
Northwest 77.4  
Southwest Baptist 253.2

**Sacks-Yards Lost**  
Northwest 28-181  
Southwest Baptist 17-111

**Sacks Allowed-Yards Lost**  
Northwest 15-83  
Southwest Baptist 18-121

**First Downs**  
Northwest 207

**Southwest Baptist 176**

**Time of Possession per game**  
Northwest 31:24  
Southwest Baptist 29:27

**Opponents' Time of Possession**  
Northwest 28:36  
Southwest Baptist 30:32

**Passing Leaders**  
Northwest  
Josh Mathews- 256-241, 2,271 yards, 19 TD's, 4.3 YPC  
Robert Clardy- 108-164, 1,267 yards, 10 TD's, 4.2 YPC  
Southwest Baptist

**Rushing Leaders**  
Xavier Omon- 226 carries, 982 yards, 16 TD's, 4.3 YPC  
Moine Nicholson- 86 carries, 359 yards, 2 TD's, 4.2 YPC  
Southwest Baptist

**Receiving Leaders**  
Northwest  
Kendall Wright- 58 catches, 828 yards, 5 TD's, 82.6 YPC  
E.J. Falkner- 33 catches, 450 yards, 3 TD's, 45 YPC  
Mike Peterson- 24 catches, 401 yards, 4 TD's, 40.1 YPC  
Raphad Robinson- 19 catches, 370 yards, 2 TD's, 37 YPC  
Southwest Baptist

Nick Smart- 43 catches, 644 yards, 7 TD's, 80.5 YPC  
Robert Woodson- 35 catches, 461 yards, 4 TD's, 57.6 YPC  
Darrall Pryde- 30 catches, 330 yards, 2 TD's, 41.2 YPC  
Jeremy Packer- 18 catches, 178 yards, 0 TD's, 35.6 YPC

**Defensive Leaders**  
Northwest  
Thomas Smith- 62 Tackles, 36 Solo, 2 Sacks, 1 Forced Fumble  
Jared Ersamer- 50 Tackles, 30 Solo, 2 Sacks, 2 Recovered Fumbles  
Ben Harness- 41 Tackles, 28 Solo, 2 Sacks  
Ryan Waters- 36 Tackles, 16 Solo, 4 Sacks

**Southwest Baptist**  
Don Barrow- 59 Tackles, 33 Solo  
J. Schumpert- 58 Tackles, 27 Solo, 2 Sacks, 3 Forced Fumbles  
Terry Jones- 55 Tackles, 26 Solo, 1 Forced Fumble  
Robert Barrow- 43 Tackles, 29 Solo

**Kicking**  
Northwest  
Tommy Frevert- 8/16 FG, 5/720-29 yards, 2/3 40-49 yards, 46/47 PAT's  
Southwest Baptist  
Ryan Smith- 7/11 FG, 4/420-29 yards, 1/3 40-49 yards, 24/25 PAT's

## E-RACE-ING BAD MEMORIES



Northwest linebacker Jared Ersamer brings down Pittsburg State running back Germaine Race during Saturday's game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. Race, the leading rusher in the conference, was held to 68 rushing yards. The Northwest defense still hasn't give up 100 rushing yards to one runner in a game this season.

## Coach in first-place for national coaching award

Staff Reports

Northwest head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma has been selected as one of 10 finalists for the 2006 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, given to the college football coach who best exemplifies responsibility and excellence on and off the field.

The finalists are out of a crop of hundreds from Division I, II, III and NAIA ranks. The winner will be determined by a two-phase process that includes fan votes, as well as judging by a selection committee comprised of College Football Hall of Fame players and coaches, national college football media, and Liberty Mutual representatives. Fans can vote for the 2006 winner



Mel Tjeerdsma  
Northwest football coach

by going to [Coachoftheyear.com](http://Coachoftheyear.com) through Monday, Nov. 20.

The 10 finalists will be profiled on a one-hour ABC special on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. CST and the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year will be presented on ABC on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. Of the 10 finalists, Tjeerdsma is one of just two from non-Division I institutions - Danny Hales from Bloomsburg (Penn.) University is the other. According to the Web site, Tjeerdsma sits in first-place ahead of Bob Stoops of Oklahoma and Bobby Petrino of Louisville as of Nov. 8.

Some of the criteria the committee will look at is in four areas: high level of professional competence; commitment to the well being and development of student-

athletes; high ethical standards and; civic and charitable stewardship.

The Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year will receive a personal trophy, will be featured in the December 16 television special, and will be recognized in a Coach of the Year exhibit at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind. Liberty Mutual also will award \$100,000 to support the winning coach's civic and charitable activities, and \$20,000 for scholarships to the alumni association of the winning coach's school.

Liberty Mutual is the sixth largest property and casualty insurer in the U.S. This is the first year that Liberty Mutual has sponsored this award.

Tjeerdsma, in his first year as the president of the American Football Coaches Association, is in his 13th season as head coach for Northwest.

## 'HOUNDS: Season ends with team falling short of goals

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The staff plans to make adjustments to the Wing-T offense for more power running formations. With inconsistent play from quarterback Andy Walker, which culminated in five turnovers last Friday against LeBlond, the passing game will be a question over the off-season.

Defensively, the 'Hounds finished the Class 2, District 16 schedule allowing 15 points a game. Previously they gave up 30 or more points in five

games. Tanner Archer led the team in interceptions with five.

With Holt in for a full off-season for the 'Hounds, he stressed the importance of the weight room.

"We're not a very big team," Holt said. "It all starts in that weight room."

Third down and tackling were some other flaws he wants the team to work on.

"Our third-down production has to get better," Holt said. "We had a lot of last season, we had a long third

down and we just gave it up."

Next season, Maryville will have defensive lineman/offensive lineman Jordan Davis, who sat in street clothes the whole season because of eligibility issues. Davis transferred from a high school in Texas.

"He's a 300-pound kid who's quick and agile so he'll do some good things for us next season," Holt said.

Uncertain about next season is defensive coordinator Brian Lohafar. After retiring as head baseball coach last season, Lohafar said he is uncertain if he'll return. He did say that if the effort from the players is there, he will return. Lohafar has been a part of the Maryville football coaching for more than 20 years.

Junior linebacker Tyler Oglesby finished the season leading in tackles and said he wasn't satisfied with this season.

"Of course, this isn't really acceptable in my mind," Oglesby said. "It shouldn't be acceptable in anybody else's mind. We got to hit that weight room. Love it, live it."

## - COLUMN

## Holt jump started declining program

Brett Barger  
Assistant Sports Editor

Everywhere Maryville head coach Chris Holt donned a headset, he's been a winner.

With two district championships and a conference championship, one might wonder why he would transfer to a football program clearly on a downward slope.

He reasoned the challenge of coaching in the Midland Empire Conference (MEC) weighed in his decision.

Was he ever right.

After a 1-5 start, some could chalk it up to a young team and a coach, that at times, underestimated his opponent and a minefield the MEC was this season. Through each loss, Holt kept his composure. He's not a coach that needs to assault a microphone or a water cooler to make a point.

Instead, he takes a nuts and bolts approach to each loss. If the defense played great and the offense didn't perform, then it was the offense that needed to be tightened down before the next game and vice versa.

Holt knew the team in front of him. He knew this team didn't know what it took to be a winner, as he did. Perhaps his occasional over-confidence trickled down to a team that otherwise never had it before.

It was the 7-3 win on the road at Savannah where we saw a different team emerge. They played like a team that had no tomorrow. They didn't take off plays and it paid off.

When the team didn't show effort, Holt was quick to let

them know it and even quicker to give praise. Take for example Maryville's game against Lafayette—their first win of the season. Tanner Archer broke away for a big touchdown run. Holt was the first to congratulate Archer. On the next offensive possession, Archer didn't block his

assigned man and Holt was the first one to give him an earful. As the season progressed, that mentality trickled down to the rest of the team, mainly to line-backer Tyler Oglesby. Oglesby challenges his defense first. If needed, he had no problem calling out the offense. This became apparent after a 15-7 Class 2, District 16, loss to Lawson, in which a fumble at the 12-yard line gave Lawson a short field and the go-ahead touchdown. Although Maryville's chances were slim to none after the Lawson loss, they played the last two games like they were on a mission.

Overall, Maryville's 4-6 season can be called a success, giving preseason expectations. They're no longer a team other teams can beat up on. Holt's desire to stay at Maryville long term brings stability after a 2005 season in which no one knew if Paul Miller was going or staying.

There will be a lot to expect from the Spoofhounds next season—a challenge that Holt and his staff will take head-on. Conference success will improve slightly, but district time could be quite glorious. Maryville has a winner and his name is Chris Holt.

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## BASKETBALL: Early lead doesn't hold up

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32-point lead with 4:26 remaining. Freshman Andrew Warren provided the final five points of the run to end the afternoon with 13 overall.

Both teams exchanged field goals in the final five minutes, keeping the Bradley lead around 30. Freshman Mike Larsen made the lone Northwest trey of the second period with a half court shot with one-tenth of a second on the clock.

Henry led Northwest with 14 points while junior Dillon Higdon tallied seven rebounds for the team. Daniel Ruffin put in 23 points while Mike Salley grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Bradley.

"It gives us a measuring stick," Tappmeyer said. "We learned a little bit about personnel. Maybe came a little closer to the seven-to-eight guys we need to have on the court the majority of the minutes. It's definitely good for us, but

there's no way you can go back and say you felt real good about our performance."

The 'Cats will open the 2006 season at home for the Ryland Milner Classic. Northwest will welcome Upper Iowa in a 7:30 p.m. game on Nov. 17.

**Women's squad falls as well**

The Northwest women's basketball team lost its opening exhibition game against Division I opponent Illinois State 92-59. The Bearcats kept it close in the first half trailing 29-27 at one point before the Red-birds closed out the first half with a 21-10 run. The Bearcats struggle continued into the second half as they only four made field goals and shot 11 (4-36) percent from the field. Illinois State outscored the Bearcats 42-22 in the second half.

Junior Mandi Schumacher led the Bearcats in scoring with 14 points on 5-14 shooting. Senior Lauren Williams and sophomore Jessica Burton pitched in 11 and 10 points for the only other players in

double digits.

The Bearcats open the season with Rockhurst on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in Bearcat Arena.

**Student assistant arrested**

Maryville Public Safety officials arrested Northwest women's basketball student assistant coach Addae Houston early Sunday morning.

Houston was arrested on the 300 block of East Third for driving while intoxicated and performing an illegal turn.

Northwest athletic director Bob Boerger said he "can't comment" on the incident.

Houston did not travel to Normal, Ill., Tuesday for the team's exhibition game against Division I Illinois State.

Houston is in his first year as a student assistant, which is a volunteer position.

Houston played for the Northwest men's basketball team during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons.

Jerome Boettcher contributed

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# Cattle call: Buyers flock to city

Matthew Elliott  
Missourian Reporter

Five days a week John Walker gets up in the morning and heads for a sale barn. On Tuesdays, he heads to United Producers in Maryville.

Walker is one of many cattle buyers who make the trip to United Producers in Maryville each Tuesday.

John Anderson, manager of United Producers, said the sale barn sells between 75,000 and 78,000 cows each year.

Cows that are bought are shipped all over the country, including neighboring states Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

Anderson said most sellers that bring cattle to United Producers are within a 75-mile radius of Maryville.

Walker is a full-time buyer of cattle. He says that weight and the stock market are major factors in deciding how much to bid on a cow or on a group of cows.

"It's very interesting, I think, because in different markets you have different big players," Walker said.

He is a player, but not the biggest player at United Producers every Tuesday. Walker said that in other places he is the biggest buyer.

"It's hard starting out because people don't know you're a big player, but once you've been coming for a while people pick up on what you like to buy and usually stay out of your way," Walker said.

According to Walker there are different types of buyers at most markets.

There are the those who are there to fill orders and get their commission. The bigger players tend to pay more attention to the number of cows rather than value.

Then there is the middle group, they are also there to fill orders, but they tend to pay more attention to the value of the cattle they are buying.

Last there are the farmers who try to get the

best cow they can find.

Walker says that sometimes the farmers tend to pay a little bit more than the players trying to fill their orders.

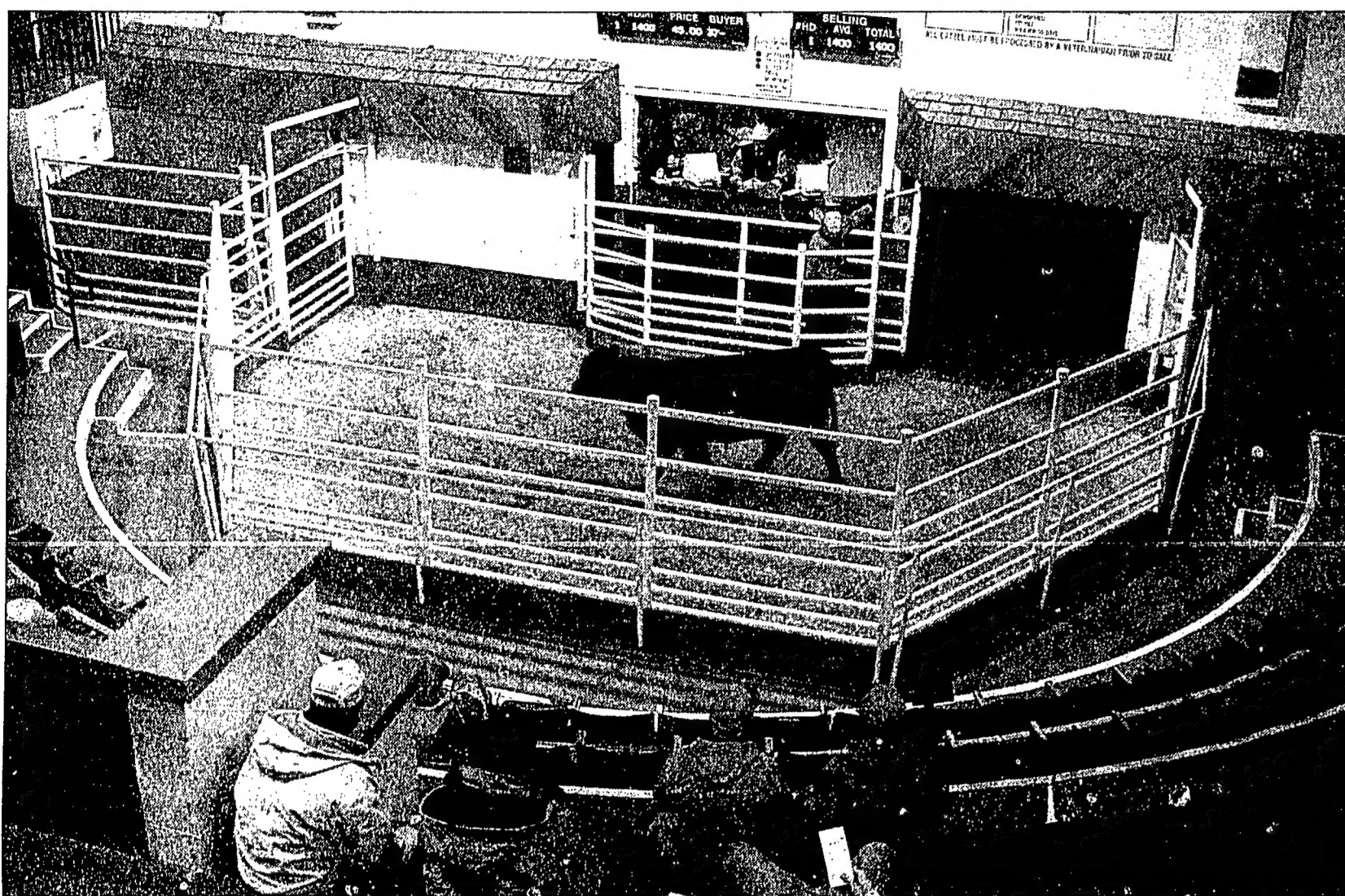
Most Tuesdays United Producers sells 'feeders.' Feeders are calves and younger cows that are bought and then sold again when they reach a certain weight.

According to Walker a buyer looks for the lightest cows he can find. Buying a lighter cow creates more opportunity to make money after feeding the cow to gain weight.

"If I buy a cow for \$1, then I will make more money buying a 500-pound cow than I will buying a 900-pound cow," Walker said.

He says that putting more weight on a cow is more efficient than spending less to put less weight on.

"Making money is the main goal of all buyers and sellers in the cattle market and sale barns are the best way to get the most out of cattle," Walker said.



Cattle are auctioned during a sale at United Producers on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The majority of buyers come from within a 75-mile radius of Maryville.

## Museum curator reveals own history

Marcus Meade  
Missourian Reporter

Inside the Nodaway County Historical Society and Museum sits a story teller.

Aging, his eyes aided by large glasses, curator Tom Carneal sits behind his desk with a jovial smile on his face waiting to tell stories to anyone who will listen, all of which explain why life, according to him, is a "strange and wonderful thing."

Over the past 38 years, Carneal has given so much of his time and energy to helping this community and the University, which to him is a series of stories to tell.

Like his story of how he became a teacher here at Northwest. Originally, he wanted to work in the medical field, but after a little while, decided his love of history was to great to ignore, so he made a change.

An incident while teaching brought him to Northwest, however. After graduating college, Carneal decided to take a job teaching high

school in Kansas City. While patrolling the halls one day he came upon a group of students milling around during class time. He approached the students, asking them why they weren't in class. One of the students was carrying a knife and stabbed Carneal in the back. After recovering, Carneal resigned and decided to move out of the high school level, coming to Northwest in 1968.

This event is one of many in what Carneal describes as the first section of his life, which he breaks up into two sections, pre-Oriental and post-Oriental. His pre-Oriental life involved a stint in the Army, a doctorate from Missouri University and 18 years of teaching at Northwest.

In 1986, Carneal received a grant to participate in a teacher exchange program to Beijing, thus beginning the second chapter of his life. During the year he spent in China, Carneal taught at the University of International Business of Beijing, developing a love for the Orient lasting to this day. Carneal has now

made trips to the Orient on 16 different occasions.

He went on to explain the amazing feeling he had after that first experience.

"I was disheartened when I left (the United States), but came back saying 'I can teach,'" he said.

Carneal's first trip to China, and subsequent trips, helped spark the English as a Second Language program here at Northwest, and greatly increased the number of international students on campus.

According to Betty Jensen, a 15-year friend of Carneal's and secretary for the College of Arts and Sciences, working with students is what he does best.

"He's just so knowledgeable... He's a born teacher. Every time you talk to him you learn something," she said.

Now Carneal has taken on the challenge of teaching the entire county. Since 1977, he has devoted numerous volunteer hours to the construction and upkeep of the Nodaway County Historical Society and Museum, which allows him to use his vast knowledge of this community.

"Tom knows more about this University and more about his area than anyone," said Richard Frucht,



Nodaway County Historical curator, Tom Carneal, describes a tea set used during the Great Depression inside the "Tea Room" at the society. Carneal has volunteered years of work to help maintain the museum.

professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science at Northwest and long time colleague of Carneal's.

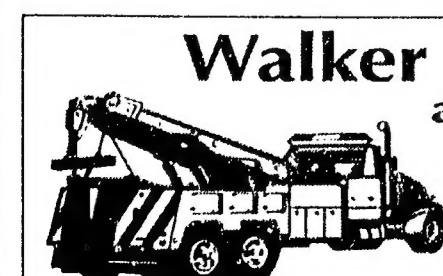
Carneal's life story could fill volumes, and his recollection of it could fill concert halls. His colleagues appreciate him because of all he has given to this college and this community. That is why in a retirement speech Frucht labeled him "Mr. Northwest."



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Assistant professor April Haberyan gives her senior seminar class regarding finance and life lessons. While she keeps busy with teaching she manages to stay on top of her own life.

## Haberyan shares life experiences

From Hurricane Katrina aid to teaching, faculty member helps with disaster psychology

Kristin Summers  
Chief Reporter

Reaching in the man's chest, she grasped his beating heart and lifted it up for a surgeon to replace some of his arteries.

Holding out her hands, she helped deliver a new life into the world. The baby she helped deliver was named after her.

Both of these experiences happened to her when she was only a nursing student at Rochester University in New York.

April Haberyan, associate professor of psychology, sociology and counseling, has had several memorable experiences dealing with people mentally and physically.

Despite having a busy life being involved with teaching and University projects, she still finds time for her philanthropy efforts and has no regrets.

Haberyan has a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's degree in social psychology, a master's degree in adult psychiatric mental health nursing, and a Ph.D. in social psychology.

She worked in Virginia at the Medical College of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University at the child and adolescent psychiatric unit and at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York in several psychiatric units.

While teaching nursing classes at Troy University in Alabama, she married Kurt Haberyan, currently a professor in the Biology department at Northwest.

Her husband received a job at Northwest in 1996 and she followed him to Maryville taking a job at St. Francis Hospital. Haberyan began teaching at the University in 1996.

Tired of clinical practices, Haberyan switched fields and started studying psychology, which she says she has always found fascinating.

Psychology has always been part of her life with her mother and father being psychologists.

Disaster psychology is one form, which she said she is very interested in.

Haberyan said it's a new area of psychology and that she is specifically looking at the ways a disaster affects the people who respond to them.

Haberyan is involved with a disaster company in Texas called Kenyon International Emergency Services. The company deals with disaster management throughout the world.

Her father was once the vice president of Kenyon International Emergency Services, which helped her become involved with helping disasters. Haberyan's father, a counseling psychologist, owns his own company, Bray Associates.

where he is an International Disaster Consultant.

After Sept. 11, Haberyan's brother was called by Kenyon to help a medical examiner with body identification. Her mother is also involved with Kenyon and is a psychology therapist.

Haberyan and her brother are both on a list that allows them to be called to help when a disaster happens. Haberyan said several people throughout the United States are on the list and people are called depending on what they are needed for and the location of the disaster.

She can be called for family assistance which Haberyan said deals with helping a family with anything they need to deal with their loss.

Though Haberyan has been called upon twice, Hurricane Katrina and for the December 2004 Tsunami, she was unable to respond due to the disasters occurring at the beginning of the semester.

She said her family is supportive of her decision to be on the list. Haberyan said she has a plan with her husband and her two children if she were to be called for a disaster and responded to it.

Along with consulting and providing training for Kenyon, Haberyan is active in the suicide prevention grant at Northwest and a safety committee at the Horace Mann Laboratory School. She helps provide training for residential advisors about suicide prevention.

Jackie Kibler, an associate professor of the sociology, psychology, and counseling, works with Haberyan on the suicide prevention grant, which allows the University to help provide suicide awareness.

Kibler said Haberyan does a lot of community service and is commended by her students for her advisement.

Carla Edwards, associate professor of sociology, psychology and counseling, said she has known Haberyan for 10 years.

"She comes in early and stays late," Edwards said about Haberyan's dedication to her colleagues and students.

## What's your horoscope?

Today's Birthday (11-09-06)

You're in control this year, which is just the way you like it. The others know you're very hot, making your job much easier.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 — With the help of your whole family, set away stores for the future. An old-fashioned recipe and/or method still works quite well.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 9 — Others are doing the negotiations but you're supplying the data. The more information they have, the more you all will win.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 4 — You're getting better at doing the job, so it's becoming more fun. That's the objective, anyway. Keep at it until that happens, at least.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 10 — Others may be afraid there's not going to be enough to go around. You're not worried, because you know how to get whatever you need. Be creative.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 5 — Be practical and you'll continue to use good judgment to make your decisions. You love the applause, but it's always best when it comes from people you trust.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 9 — If you're sweet, and you certainly can be, people will tell you everything. That's what you should be doing now, to get the entire story.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 4 — There are several ways to acquire wealth. One way is to ask. You'll be surprised at how well you do, using this simple method.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 10 — Others look to you for direction, which you're glad to supply. Help them with the motivation, too, and the logistics.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 5 — Besides asking questions, you need to keep track of the money. Follow where it goes, and you'll solve the mystery.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 9 — There's nothing as romantic as having dinner in with a person you think is wonderful. Offer to do the cooking, and you'll probably get the date.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 4 — You have more than enough to keep you busy. You may have to invent a way to do three or four things at once. Luckily, you can do this.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 10 — You'll have a lot more fun now, since the worst phase is finally over. You did better than you thought you would. Rest on your laurels.

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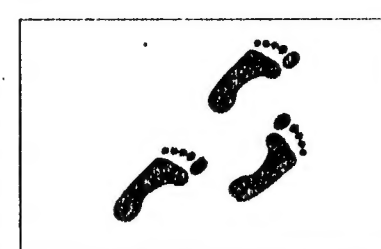
## Your Man ponders roommates

Are you a cellmate or a partner in crime?

Recently, I have noticed certain relationship trends between roommates. Generally, most people either have a roommate or a cellmate. These two classifiers encompass the positive and negative types of roommates on campus.

Cellmates are, in my opinion, one of the reasons that violence slightly increases from year to year. For some reason, they grant themselves the privilege of creating a small version of Hell on Earth. I am still, to this day, amazed at how successful they are at this task. Somehow "cellmates" know just what buttons to push to send their victims over the edge. Music preference, sleeping habits, television, and even cleanliness, are all personal subjects that they wish to define.

I have a couple of recommendations to combat these types of attacks. The first line of defense should be a combo of heavy-duty earplugs and headphones. Some maybe surprised



The Stroller

at the relative ease of imagining a place of peace while in a dorm of despair. After these measures are taken, I find that one must rely on the philosophy "the best defense is an even better offense." Febrze may not stop the cellmate's clothing or flesh from rotting, but it does help. This method of counter attack is similar to occupying a foreign country; it will get a bit expensive. But, in the long run, benefits will appear—hopefully.

I hope that those who are fortunate enough to have a quality roommate are appreciative. Ideally, these roommates fall into two sub categories.

For myself, the most annoying pairing is what I call "best buds." Always giggling and smiling when entering and exiting their dorm, these people are the constant reminder to the world—to those of us that live in a mini version of Hell, must suffer through every day. Due to their closeness, I come to speculate that many best buds carry knives that are destined to penetrate the other's back.

The next dorm duo is what I like to call "singular." The reason for this is that one of two has a relationship with somebody that lives off campus, and as such, the time that would be spent in the dorm is usually displaced to the off-campus location. This roommate relationship is perhaps the Mecca of dorm living and cause of most jealousy from cellmate victims...including myself.

Is it too late to request a change in roommate?

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

## -MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Totally Awesome' review

Tara Adkins  
Chief Reporter

Feathered hair, leg warmers and Spandex should be enough to make us realize why the 1980s were so totally awesome.

With VHS's debut film in the world of made-for-TV movies, "Totally Awesome," made those of us unfortunate enough who missed out on fully experiencing the '80s, to now understanding how radical it actually was.

The comedy plummets into the same category of "Saturday Night Live" movies, as it features ex-cast members, Tracy Morgan and Chris Kattan.

With outlandish gags, ad-libs and references, the film seems too obvious and overdone. Having absolutely no faith in their audience, the movie actually steps to explain certain references and cameos.

Although the film's plot is slim, it holds its own as most 1980s movies were dim. As the Gunderson family moves to California, Charlie must compete for the top coolness ranking in his new senior class.

He fights against the big man on campus, Kipp, to win over the affection of Kimberly, the ditzy blonde goddess.

Charlie, who is blind to the love of his burlap sack-wearing best friend, Billie, dares Kipp to a decathlon in an attempt to avoid daily beatings.

Charlie's neighboring Japanese gardener, Mr. Yamagashi, helps train him while making creepy, pedophile moves to seduce him.

Meanwhile, Charlie's younger sister, Lori, is destroyed when she learns her life-long love for dancing is forbidden due to people becoming "footloose"; when people literally dance their feet so loose and they eventually fell off.

Lori develops a love for Gabriel, the school janitor and former dance teacher, whom together, can bring dance back to the town.

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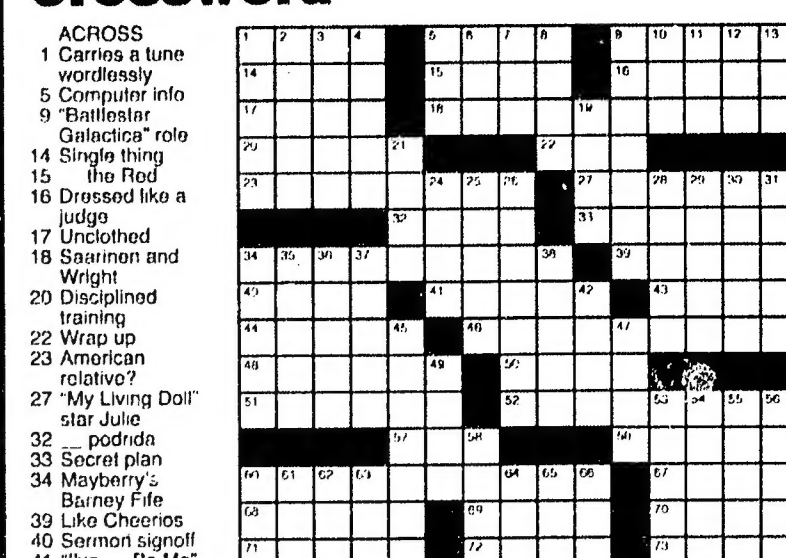
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# Combining traditions



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(Top) Cornstalks fall under the combine driven by Nathan Honan on his family farm. (Bottom, top) Phil Honan said this is one of the best corn harvests he's seen on his farm since he started farming. One combine can harvest 7,000 to 8,000 bushels of corn in one day. Nathan Honan unloads a combine full of corn during harvest Tuesday at his family farm northwest of Elmo, Mo.

## The Honan family celebrates 125 years of farming and harvest

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Exhaust, dust and the smell of slightly burnt corncobs linger in the air over fields in northwest Missouri. Combines roar and rattle through the fields, leaving sliced-and-diced corncobs, husks and stalks in their wake.

While some farmers slave away trying to get the last of their fall crops in, others are busy plowing fields under, preparing for winter.

So far, 2006 looks to be a good year for area farmers. Richard Sloan, bookkeeper at Burlington Junction MFA Agri Service, said last week was one of the busiest weeks for the elevator. Corn and soybeans are still coming in, but Sloan said the pace has slowed down.

"I would say most are probably 85 to 90 percent done," Sloan said. "Corn was disappointing in some places but soybeans have been about average. This year hasn't been quite as good as the previous two years, but overall we've had three good years in a row."

The Honan family is one of Nodaway County's farming families still working to bring the rest of the fall crop in. The family is no stranger to harvest time—they've endured 125 of them.

"This is the third good year for us. It's almost unbelievable to have three in a row like this," Byron Honan, 82, said. "The other two were better, but this is acceptable."

Established in 1881, the Honan farm, northwest of Elmo, Mo., is one of 7,027 century farms in Missouri. Starting in 1976, the annual Missouri Century Farm Program honors farms remaining in a family for 100 years or more.

Today, families like the Honans are a dying breed throughout Missouri and the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, family-owned farm corporations in

Missouri fell from 2.3 percent in 1997 to 1.8 percent 2002.

The job isn't getting any easier either. A recent forecast by the department states net farm income is expected to be down this year to \$54.4 billion from \$73.8 billion in 2005.

Despite gloomy predictions for the family farm, Phil Honan, 53, and son Nathan, 29, decided to come back.

Before returning, Phil studied animal husbandry at the University of Missouri Columbia. Nathan is the fifth generation to take over. A Northwest alumnus, he graduated with a degree in agriculture education.

"It's all I ever wanted to do," Nathan said. "The opportunity was here to help take over and so it was a pretty easy decision."

The Honans raise corn, soybeans and oats, background cattle and sell red clover. On the family's 2,000 acres, 21st-century technology meets 125 years of tradition.

The 2002 John Deere 9550 Sidehill combine makes a lot more noise than the workers with corn hooks that Byron remembers as it cuts through the field.

"I remember when we had to pick corn by hand instead of with a combine," Byron said. "On a good day I could pick a 100 bushels of corn a day. I thought I was setting the world on fire if I could do that. Today our combine can do 7,000 to 8,000 bushels a day."

Communicating through two-way radios, the crew races the clock, inevitable equipment breakdowns and daylight. They hope to finish up harvesting by the end of the week.

Though Byron doesn't know when his last harvest may be, he doesn't want to leave anytime soon.

"I've already made the plans... I want to be cremated and have my ashes thrown on the high ground behind the original farmhouse," Byron said. "It's in my blood... There's no place I'd rather be."

